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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tyreese Taylor, a/k/a "Trigger", DOB: 7/19/1984, and George Taylor, a/k/a "Platinum", DOB: 9/29/1983, of Dixmore, Illinois, were sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb for crack cocaine trafficking in the Beloit, Wisconsin area. Tyreese Taylor was sentenced to 20 years in prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release, and George Taylor was sentenced to 124 months in prison, to be followed by four years of supervised release. The two men are brothers.

On August 15, 2006, Tyreese Taylor was found guilty following a three-day jury trial in federal court in Madison of three counts of distributing crack cocaine, and one count of possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute in Beloit. At trial, the United States presented evidence which established that Tyreese Taylor distributed more than 90 grams of crack cocaine from January 2006 through March 2006. Tyreese Taylor was apprehended by Beloit Police on May 1, 2006, in possession of more than twelve grams of crack cocaine. On August 3, 2006, George Taylor pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine in the City of Beloit in late 2005.

The charges against Tyreese Taylor and George Taylor were the result of a joint

investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Line Area Narcotics Team, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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